

#### Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

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Date: 2/28/2023 Arrival: 1:15 PM Departure: 2:15 PM VisitType: Licensing Study

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## Quality Rated: 🤺

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|------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| 02/28/2023 | Licensing Study  | Good Standing |         |
| 08/24/2022 | Monitoring Visit | Good Standing | Good St |
| 03/21/2022 | Licensing Study  | Good Standing | Support |

ance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good , support, and deficient.

tanding - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting Good Standing | Support rules.

Deficient Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting

the rules.

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#### Ratios/License Capacity

| Age Ranges           | Children Present | Child For Pay | CAPS | Not for Pay | Provider Children |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Infant (0-11 mos)    | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 1 & 2 Years          | 1                | 1             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| 3 & 4 Years          | 3                | 3             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| School Age(5+) Years | 0                | 0             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 13 Years | 4                | 4             | 0    | 0           | 0                 |
| Total Under 18 Years | 4                |               | -    | -           | -                 |

Children Present: 4 Total Children: 4

Caregivers/Helpers Present: 1 Total Caregivers/Helpers: 1

#### Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study. This visit was completed as part of the Child Care Services Quality Assurance Initiative

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning



Please refer to the website, <a href="http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx">http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx</a>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

| O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care        |
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| programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered |
| sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at http://qbi.georgia.gov to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.                         |

#### Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA <u>www.decalkoala.com</u> with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)





#### **Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:**

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or <a href="mailto:qualityrated@decal.ga.gov">qualityrated@decal.ga.gov</a> for more information. Free techincal assistance is available!

| Valenteena Davis, Program Official | Date | Stacy Whitten, Consultant | Date |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Lisa Pitts, Consultant             | Date |                           |      |



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#### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

## **Activities and Equipment**

#### 290-2-3-.12 Equipment and Supplies(CR)

Met

#### Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed.

#### Comment

Toys and equipment observed to be clean and safe from hazardous conditions.

#### Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

#### 290-2-3-.19 Infant-Sleeping Safety Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Currently the provider is not caring for infants. (This rule was not evaluated on this date)

#### Comment

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Home does not provide swimming activities.

#### Comment

There is no pool on the property

**Children's Records** 

One or more parameters were not specified for the subreport, 'Subreport5', located at: myKoalaPDFCreationConsole Reports RDLC ChildMissingRequirements rdlc

#### 290-2-3-.08 Children's Records

Met

#### Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility** 

#### 290-2-3-.11 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Home observed complete emergency drills

#### Comment

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

#### Comment

An operable and appropriately sized fire extinguisher was observed in the home this date.

#### Comment

Operable smoke detector(s) were observed as required in the home this date.

#### 290-2-3-.13 Physical Plant-Structural/Mechanical(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Home appears clean and free from hazards.

#### 290-2-3-.13 Playgrounds(CR)

**Technical Assistance** 

#### Comment

The outside area appears clean and well maintained.

#### **Technical Assistance**

290-2-3-.13(2)(d) - Please ensure exposed screws by the fence are cut down to one thread or capped.

Revision Date: 2/28/2023 1:54:36 PM

Correction Deadline: 2/28/2023

Food Service

#### 290-2-3-.10 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

#### Comment

Provider's menu meets USDA guidelines

# **Health and Hygiene**

## 290-2-3-.11 Children's Health and Hygiene(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff state proper knowledge of hand washing and hygiene procedures.

## 290-2-3-.11 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

#### Comment

There are no diapered children currently enrolled in the program.

#### 290-2-3-.11 Medications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Per the provider no medication is currently dispensed

Licensure

#### 290-2-3-.04 Application Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate number of children observed in Family Child Care Learning Home this date. The provider cared for four unrelated children for pay on this date.

## **Safety and Discipline**

290-2-3-.11 Animals Met

#### Comment

The Family Child Care Learning Home does not keep animals on premises.

#### 290-2-3-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider stated age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection is used for discipline. Discipline was not directly observed on this date, due to nap time.

290-2-3-.11 First Aid Kit Met

#### Comment

Complete first aid kit observed in the Family Child Care Learning Home

#### 290-2-3-.11 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The provider does not provide routine transportation.

## Staff Records

#### 290-2-3-.21 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Consultant requested to view all Criminal Record checks for employees hired after last visit. Provider stated that there have been no new hires since last visit

#### Comment

Criminal records checks were observed to be complete. The consultant observed evidence of complete comprehensive background checks for all residents and the provider.

### 290-2-3-.07 Staff Qualifications(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

## **Staff: Child Ratios and Supervision**

#### 290-2-3-.07 Staff:Child Ratios(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Appropriate ratios were observed on this date.

#### 290-2-3-.07 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

The Provider was observed directly supervising and being attentive to the needs of the children.

